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SUMMARY: DURING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AT OCTOBER 14-15 1975

CCMS FALL PLENARY AT NATO, US CCMS DEL ADDRESSED TECHNICAL

ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ITEMS UNDER CSCE BASKET II AND COMMENTED ON OUTLOOK FOR COOPERATION FROM US PERSPECTIVE. UK, NORWEGIAN, NETHERLANDS, FRENCH AND ITALIAN DELS ALSO SPOKE ON TOPIC. GENERAL VIEW WAS THAT ECE PROVIDED MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR PURSUING CSCE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN FIELD; UK AND NETHERLANDS DELS NOTED OVERALL NATO MONITORING INTEREST AND NETHERLANDS DEL MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR THE ROLE OF ECONADS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN STATEMENT OPENING CCMS PLENARY ON BEHALF OF SYG LUNS, DEPUTY NATO SYG PANSA IDENTIFIED COOPERATION IN FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNDER CSCE BASKET II AS UNCONTROVERSIAL AREA WHICH HELD PROMISE OF GENUINELY BROADENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HE INVITED ALLIED REPS TO PROFIT FROM USEFUL FORUM PROVIDED AT THIS TIME BY CCMS TO EXCHANGE PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS TO BE EXPECTED IN THIS FIELD.

2. US REP (EPA ADMINISTRATOR RUSSELL TRAIN) REFERRED TO 39 PROJECTS UNDER US-USSR BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT AND NOTED EXCELLENT PROGRESS BEING MADE. SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND PARTY CIRCLES BOTH TOOK SERIOUS, PRACTICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD COOPERATION ON THESE MATTERS REGARDING WHICH THERE WAS GROWING OFFICIAL AND EVIDENT PUBLIC CONCERN IN THE USSR. COOPERATION WITH SOVIETS IN THIS AREA WAS NO DIFFERENT FROM THAT WITH GOVERNMENTS IN WEST. HE NOTED THAT USSR THUS FAR HAD DEMONSTRATED PARTICULAR STRENGTH IN FIELDS OF WATERPOLLUTION, OCEANOGRAPHY, EFFECTS OF POLLUTION ON THE STRATOSPHERE, AND EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION TECHNIQUES. HE ALSO MENTIONED US BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN FIELD WITH POLAD.

DEP SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN BARNUM OBSERVED THAT TRANSPORTATION PROVISIONS OF CSCE BASKET II FOCUS PRINCIPALLY ON EUROPEAN INLAND TRANSPORT QUESTIONS, US LOOKED TO EUROPEANS FOR LEADERSHIP IN IMPLEMENTING THESE PROVISIONS, BUT US WAS READY TO PLAY SUPPORTING ROLE, PARTICULARLY THROUGH CONTINUED ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ECE. DEP ASST. SECY OF STATE CHRISTIAN HERTER, JR. NOTED THE MANY QUESTIONS STILL TO BE RESOLVED WITH RESPECT TO METHODOLOGY AND PRIORITIES FOR CSCE BASKET II LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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IMPLEMENTATION. HE SAID THAT US WOULD BE EXPLORING THESE AT ECE ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTERS MEETING IN LATE OCTOBER AND WOULD HAVE PRIOR OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE SUBJECT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ECE SYG STANOVNIK WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON THIS MONTH. THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT INITIATIVE ON COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD UNDER CSCE FINAL ACT SHOULD COME FROM EUROPEANS, BUT HE SAID THAT US WOULD PARTICIPATE AND SHARE ITS EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE ON SELECTIVE BASIS.

3. UK REP (FAIRCLOUGH) STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PLAY ITS FULL ROLE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT, PROVISIONS OF WHICH WOULD INVOLVE BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL

COOPERATION. HE NOTED EXISTING UK-USSR BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, UNDER WHICH JOINT WORKING GROUPS HAD ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED ON AIR AND WATER POLLUTION. SOVIET EXPERTS ON LAND RECLAMATION HAVE VISITED LONDON AND A PARTY OF HYDROBIOLOGISTS IS EXPECTED IN DECEMBER. UK ALSO HAS ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARY. ON MULTILATERAL LEVEL UK BELIEVES OBVIOUS VEHICLE IS ECE, WHOSE ROLE IS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED IN CSCE FINAL ACT IN SECTIONS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND TRANSPORT. ECE SECRETARIAT HAS ALREADY DRAWN UP PROGRAM OF WORK WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. UK IS CHAIRING WESTERN CAUCUS IN GENEVA AND BELIEVES COHERENT, REALISTIC WORK PROGRAM FOR ECE MUST BE DEVELOPED IN CONCERT BY ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY THE NATO COUNTRIES. CSCE FINAL ACT SETS OUT ONLY GENERAL GUIDANCE ON POSSIBLE UNDERTAKINGS BUT DOES NOT LAY DOWN PRIORITIES WHICH REMAIN TO BE ESTABLISHED BY PARTICIPANTS. THESE GOALS SHOULD BE REALISTIC CREDIBLE AND NON-DUPPLICATIVE. UK DOES NOT EXPECT ECE TO BRANCH OUT IN NEW DIRECTIONS AS RESULT OF CSCE, BUT RATHER THAT ITS EXISTING PROGRAM WOULD ACQUIRE "ADDED IMPETUS AND EMPHASIS". HE ALSO NOTED "RELEVANT PARALLEL EXERCISE" IN UNESCO WHICH "WE SHOULD ENSURE IS CONSISTENT WITH THAT ORGANIZATION'S ROLE AND THE OVERALL FOLLOW-UP PROGRAMME." UK BELIEVES THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE EVENTUALLY IN BELGRADE THE VIGOROUS IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD. UK FAVORED USING NATO FORUM FOR CONSULTATION ON CSCE FOLLOW-UP AND FOR MONITORING OVERALL PROGRESS; FOR SPECIFIC TASK OF COORDINATING MULTILATERAL FOLLOW-UP THROUGH AMENDMENTS TO WORK PROGRAM OF ECE, APPROPRIATE MACHINERY ALREADY EXISTS IN FORM OF WESTERN GROUP OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA.

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SENTATIVES IN GENEVA.

4. NORWEGIAN REP (LYKKE) BELIEVED THAT ECE SHOULD BE FOCAL POINT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT PROVISIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION. IN ORDER TO DO THE JOB, ECE WOULD NEED FIRM NATIONAL SUPPORT. NORWAY BELIEVED THAT FIRST TASKS SHOULD BE MONITORING OF LONG RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIR POLLUTANTS AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS.

5. NETHERLANDS REP (VIGEVENO) AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF ECE AS FORUM FOR MULTILATERAL ASPECTS OF CSCE BASKET II FOLLOW-UP, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT BILATERAL PROBLEMS DID NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO EXAMINATION IN ECE. HIS AUTHORITIES WERE CONVINCED OF IMPORTANCE OF GENERAL MONITORING OF CSCE BASKET II FOLLOW-UP IN ANTICIPATION OF BELGRADE MEETING, AND THEY BELIEVED THAT NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAD A ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS RESPECT.

6. FRENCH REP (FESQUET) COMMENTED THAT FRANCE WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO PURSUE CSCE FOLLOW-UP ON BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL LEVELS. FRANCE'S POSITION ON OVERALL SUBJECT MIGHT

BE CLARIFIED FOLLOWING GISCARD'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. HE NOTED THAT ECE'S EAST-WEST MEMBERSHIP MADE IT MOST COMPETENT BODY FOR PURPOSES OF CSCE'S BASKET II ENVIRONMENTAL FOLLOW-UP.

7. ITALIAN REP (CORTELLESA) BRIEFLY MENTIONED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FOLLOW-UP WOULD TAKE ITS DUE PLACE WITHIN OVERALL FRAMEWORK OF ITALY'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION. ON BILATERAL SIDE HE DREW ATTENTION TO ITALY'S AGREEMENT WITH YUGOSLAVIA IN FIELD.

8. BALANCE OF CCMS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON OTHER TOPICS BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY. STREATOR

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